

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, May 24, 2021

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 24, 2021 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President John Coyne III who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council present P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Jonathan Mendel, Police Chief Kinney, Fire Chief Walters, Jansen Wehrley, Dan Gladish, and Clerk of Council Kathy Patton.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yeas of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening and will meet again on June 14th.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson had no report.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb stated he will schedule a meeting early in June to revisit the proposal on Demolition. Bill stated he met with and had meetings with some individuals that work with cats and have made good progress.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Heffinger had no report.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mrs. Hazeltine had no report.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose has no meetings scheduled but stated that he is making progress with the budget software.

Requests for Council Action:

- 21-101-5/24 – Budget Amendment
- 21-102-5/24 – Job Creation Grant Payment – Carlisle Brake & Friction
- 21-103-5/24 – Job Creation Grant Payment – Discount Drug Mart
- 21-104-5/24 – Job Creation Grant Payment – Sandridge Food Corporation
- 21-105-5/24 – Agreement w/ York Township for Snow & Ice Services 2021-22 Season
- 21-106-5/24 – Establish New Fund #157 – Pre-Trial Drug Testing Fund – Municipal Court
- 21-107-5/24 – Expenditure – Root Integrated Systems – Police Dept.

- 21-108-5/24 – PY21 CDBG Allocation Grant
- 21-109-5/24 – Authorize Contract w/ Brandstetter Carroll / Conceptual Design Municipal Court
- 21-110-5/24 – Job Creation Grant Payment – Progressive Medina
- 21-111-5/24 – Amend S&B Code 31.05 – Tree Care Technician – Parks Dept.
- 21-112-5/24 – RFP's – Sponsorships at MCRC
- 21-113-5/24 – Motion to approve MCRC Sponsorship Banner
- 21-114-5/24 – Agreement – W. Smith Rd., Phase 4 R-O-W Acquisition Services

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor

- A. **Covid-19-** Medina County moved to level two, Orange. Well done! Non- vaccinated constituents are still encouraged to wear masks and social distance. Effective June 2, all of the current COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted by the OH Department of Health. Exception would be quarantine and isolation orders from Health Department as those are covered in existing ORC provisions for over 70 illnesses. County may move to yellow with our reduced numbers of cases possibly this Thursday, May 27th.
- B. **Memorial Day service** - Monday, May 31 at 11 a.m. NO PARADE!
- C. **Thoughts and prayer to family of Richard Dirham-** Local business man, Councilperson, and Marine- father of our Finance Director Keith Dirham.
- D. **July 4th activities-** Fireworks will be set off at dark on July 3rd. All COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted effective June 2nd. The July 4th parade will line up at west lot of Medina HS at 3 p.m., and parade starts promptly at 4 p.m. Again, no COVID-19 restrictions will exist at that date unless added between now and then. CANDY MAY NOT BE THROWN FROM VEHICLES! We are asking all parade entries to display an American flag to honor our Independence Day. We do not expect new restrictions, but if any new COVID restrictions are added, we will share with newspapers and on social media.
- E. **Medina Community Band-** planning to have a July 4th concert at the Bandstand area vs Gazebo to spatially distance. The concert is tentative provided they may find rehearsal location and is weather dependent. More details to follow.
- F. **Issue 1 Passes-** I am thankful and appreciative that the Medina city voters passed Issue 1 on May 4. We have been working on a resolution for space and safety issues at the Medina Municipal Court for over two decades. This approval will permit the City of Medina to partner with Medina County which makes the most sense both operationally and fiscally for both the city and the county. Thank you to the Medina City voters!
- G. **Thankful** that Medina outdoor pool will be open Saturday, May 29th with no restrictions as well as our splash pads, Greenwood and Mellert Parks, will both open without restrictions June 2. With the lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, stated they've talked a few times about the American Rescue Plan Funds, there have been some updates. The Feds have dropped some guidance and we've had some webinars on it and now they are dropping changes to their guidance.

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Keith stated they are working through the budget software and will soon be ready to move forward. Keith thanked the Mayor for his kind words about his Father's passing. Keith stated that his father was a councilman for the City of Medina for 16 years. Richard Dirhams' model was to enjoy every day and try to make the world a little better place for having been here.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, stated that the Medina Police Department is hiring for the position of Patrol Officer. Interested candidates can find information and apply at www.medinaoh.org under the employment tab. Application deadline is May 26th and written test is June 2nd. The successful candidates will move on to a physical fitness test at a later date.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, updated everyone stating the beginning of last week they were able to install their permanent vault restroom at Sam Masi Park. This was purchased collaboratively with donations from the Stephenson Foundation as well as the Miracle League of Northeast Ohio. This permanent restroom is fully ADA accessible and will be a great addition to the park and The Medina Lions Miracle League field for the children over there. Jansen stated they are in the process of extending the Multi-Purpose trail on East Reagan Parkway and have been getting a lot of inquiry from the community. This trail will run from Larkens Way to North Court Street and is utilizing a Clean Ohio Trails Grant. The outdoor pool will open May 29th as long as the weather is above 70 degrees.

Hours of operation are Monday – Thursday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Closing earlier due to offering outdoor swimming lessons. Registration for that starts on June 1st.

Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. including Memorial Day and Labor Day.

With the Governor lifting the restrictions on June 2nd we have prepared and have filled up the splash pads as of last week and plan to be fully operational on June 2nd.

Hours at Greenwood Park are 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Ray Mellert Park hours are 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Jansen stated the staff has worked hard to make sure that those are available to be open. They have taken additional measures to use some CARES Act Funding to install touchless sensors, activators and make it as safe as possible over there.

Just released advertisements for their Party in the Parks Program sponsored collaboratively with the Cleveland Clinic doing an 8-week series at various parks utilizing recreation center staff from their summer camp to have free fun activities. Information can be found on Facebook page or on the Medina Community Recreation Center Website. Registration is required.

Cindy Latuska, Municipal Court, had no report.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, Reported the Airport detention basin project is out to bid and open bids Thursday, May 27th.

Confirmation of Mayor's appointment:

Civil Service Commission – James Monhollen – Term 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2027
Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayoral appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Notices, communications and petitions:

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

There were none.

Introduction of Visitors:

(speakers limited to 5 minutes)

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mr. Shields moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ord. 82-21, Ord. 83-21, Ord. 84-21, Ord. 85-21, Ord. 86-21, Res. 87-21, Ord. 88-21, Ord. 89-21. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 082-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign the Letter of Arrangement with the Auditor of State Keith Faber for the preparation of the annual audit for the City of Medina for the fiscal period ending December 31, 2020. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is for the state auditors to conduct our audit for the 2020 fiscal year. The emergency clause is needed because they are already working on it. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-21 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 083-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept the Fee Proposal from GPD Group to modify the water line within ODOT's SR 18 Corridor Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated that late last year our city's water consultant completed a hydraulic analysis of our water system and one of their recommendations was that the city should consider abandoning some of our larger watermains on

the east side of our city as they are no longer necessary or pertinent to our system. Part of the RT 18 ODOT project was to replace some of these very lines and now ODOT is willing to allow us to modify their plans at their expense and that is what this cost is for. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-21 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and E. Heffinger.

Ord. 084-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept two (2) Easements necessary for the North Broadway Bridge Replacement Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 084-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated that they will be completing a replacement culvert at North Broadway/Spring Grove this summer and some easements are needed to complete this project. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 084-21 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 085-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the North Broadway and Spring Grove Culvert Replacement Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is to be able to replace two culverts, the estimated project cost \$946,000.00 combined. \$477,979.00 is being supplied through our Publics Work Commission Grant. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 086-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the 2021-2022 Equipment and Asphalt General Paving Services Program for the Service Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated this is their annual Asphalt Paving Program. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-21 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Res. 087-21:

A Resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of the Probation Community Corrections Act Grant (CCA) renewal for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 for the Medina Municipal Court. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Lastuka stated this is a renewal grant for two of their probation officers. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 088-21:

An Ordinance amending Section 31.02(B)(6) of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Intensive Supervision Probation employees for the Municipal Court. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 088-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Cindy stated this is for the same two probation officers to bring their increases to the

same as all city employees. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 088-21 passed by the yeas of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 089-21:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 217-20, passed December 14, 2020. (Amendments to 2021 Budget). Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 089-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is an amendment for one of the court funds that are paid for out of court fees. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 089-21 passed by the yeas of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson expressed his deepest sympathy to the Dirham family.

Dennie thanked Jansen Wehrley and his staff for all their hard work getting the splash pads ready and the public pool.

Be kind to one another and enjoy the great weather we are having.

Mrs. Hazeltine echoed Dennie in thanking Jansen Wehrley and staff and also offered condolences to the Dirham family.

Jessica spoke about COVID-19 vaccines, please remember just because someone is wearing a mask does not mean that they have chosen not to get the vaccine or that they are not vaccinated. There are lots of reasons why people still choose to wear masks. Just be kind, you don't know what the situation is when someone wears a mask or not. Jessica stated there has been an initiative where some people are not supporting businesses that have chosen to require a mask and again that is a private business and that is their choice. Jessica encourages everyone to continue to support supporting local businesses during this time regardless of the mask requirements.

Mr. Shields also offered his condolences to the Dirham family. Jim also thanked Mr. Wehrley for working so hard to get everything ready with the splashpads and pool. Mr. Shields spoke of the Career Center, Medina High School and Buckeye Graduation ceremonies and how it's a reminder that things are getting back to normal and probably no greater thing than to be proud of than our young people who are graduating.

Mr. Rose extended sympathies to the Dirham family.

Paul stated next Monday is Memorial Day and is a time where we pause and reflect on the sacrifices that were given by our veterans, those that paid the ultimate sacrifice and it is that sacrifice that has allowed us to do what we do here today. Jansen good Job!


Mr. Lamb also offered his condolences to Keith and his family. Bill stated he worked with Richard Dirham for 8 years here at city hall.

Mr. Coyne also spoke of Jansen Wehrley and how well he is doing.

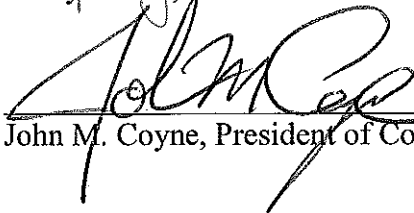
John extended his sympathies to Keith and his family stating that Medina will miss him but he will not be forgotten.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council

